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Cairo AL-NAHJ AL-ISLAMI LIMADHA in Arabic 1981, pp 11-38, 123-193, 279-309, 389-417, 419-458

[Introduction, chapters 4, 7, 10, 11 by Ja'far Muhammad Numayri from book "Why Pursue an Islamic Course?" published by al-Maktab al-Misri al-Hadith, 475 pages]

[Text] Religion and Life

In the name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate:

"And how should you not fight for the cause of Allah, and for the helpless old men, women, and children who say: 'Deliver us, Lord, from this city of wrongdoers; send forth to us a guardian from Your presence; send us one that will help us?'" [al-Nisa': iv. 75].

O, God Almighty, the world of the living, the nether world and the heavens sing your praises. The stars and the planets revolve in their orbits at your command, and the most supercilious are reduced to submission at the mention of Your name. You know what is happening now and what the future holds. You are privy to the secrets people harbor in their hearts and minds. You are the King of Kings and to You everything shall revert. You can grant people forgiveness and mercy; You can command them and reward them. It is to You that people return. People come to life and die by Your command. You are indispensable to the two worlds. You are Merciful and Mighty; Supreme and Most Holy. You are evident peace. Blessed are Your names and exalted in the minds and hearts of men are Your qualities. How indispensable You are to all of creation! No beast moves in this world without Your command: its life is bestowed by Your might; its life is set by Your measure; and its death is determined by You. You make the day follow the night, and You make the night follow the day. You set the orbits for the sun, the moon and the stars, and You reward people who do good deeds with property and livestock they can enjoy and with which they can enrich their lives. The mind marvels at Your creation: the land is flat; the mountains are high and pointed; the sky is held up without support; and the stars provide light and ornamentation. You breathed life into the dead earth and it grew vegetation that was enjoyed for a time. Exalted is Your wisdom, the Wisest of the wise. When Your judgment befalls someone, it is the Most Fair of the fair. Your forgiveness is swift, and You are the Most Merciful of the merciful. Your forgiveness only comes before Your wrath. O, God Almighty, the penitent find recourse in singing your praises.

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